

Gulf of Mexico Harmful Algal Bloom Bulletin

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Conditions Report

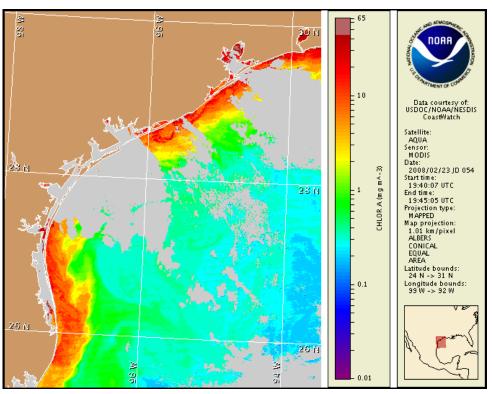
There have been no recent reports of red tide. No impacts are expected along the Texas Coast.

Analysis

A high chlorophyll features is observed along the entire coast of Texas. This mostly owes to resuspension due to the strong fronts passing through the region.

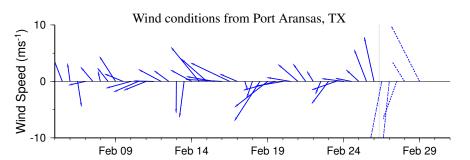
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Satellite chlorophyll image with possible HAB areas shown by red polygon(s). Cell concentration sampling data from February 18 to 20 shown as red (high), orange (medium), yellow (low b), brown (low a), blue(very low b), purple (very low a), pink (present), and green (not present). For a list of cell count data providers and a key to the cell concentration categories, please see the HABFS bulletin guide:

http://www.csc.noaa.gov/crs/habf/habfs_bulletin_guide.pdf

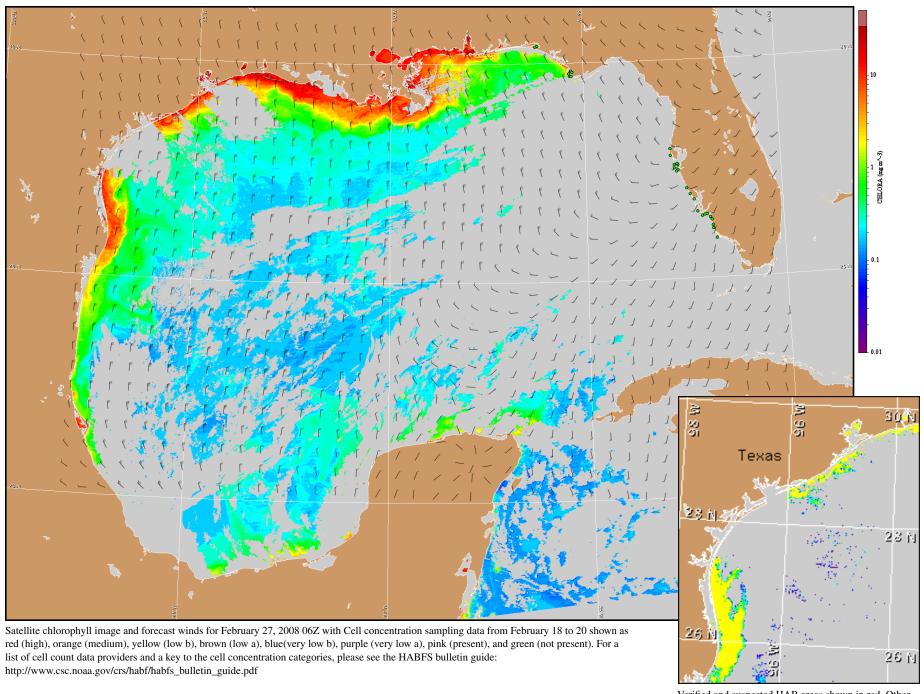


Wind speed and direction are averaged over 12 hours from buoy measurements. Length of line indicates speed; angle indicates direction. Red indicates that the wind direction favors upwelling near the coast. Values to the left of the dotted vertical line are measured values; values to the right are forecasts.

Strong northerlies on Tues and Wed, shifting to moderate southerlies through the end of the week.

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Verified and suspected HAB areas shown in red. Other areas of high chlorophyll concentration shown in yellow (see p. 1 analysis for interpretation).